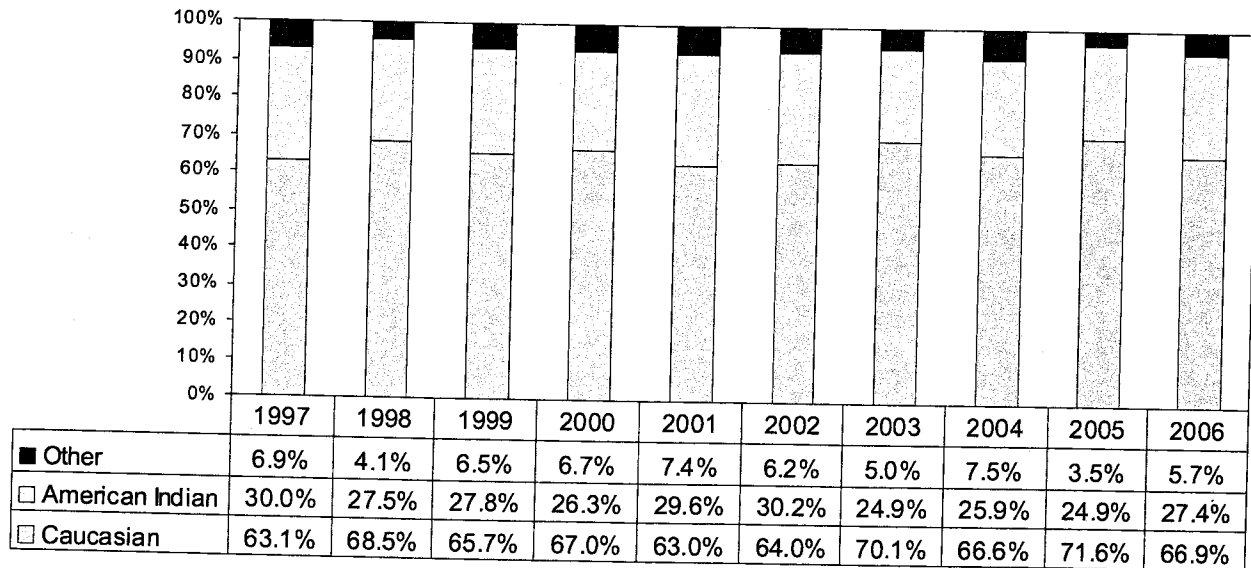


Percentage of Female Admissions by Ethnicity

FY1997-FY2006



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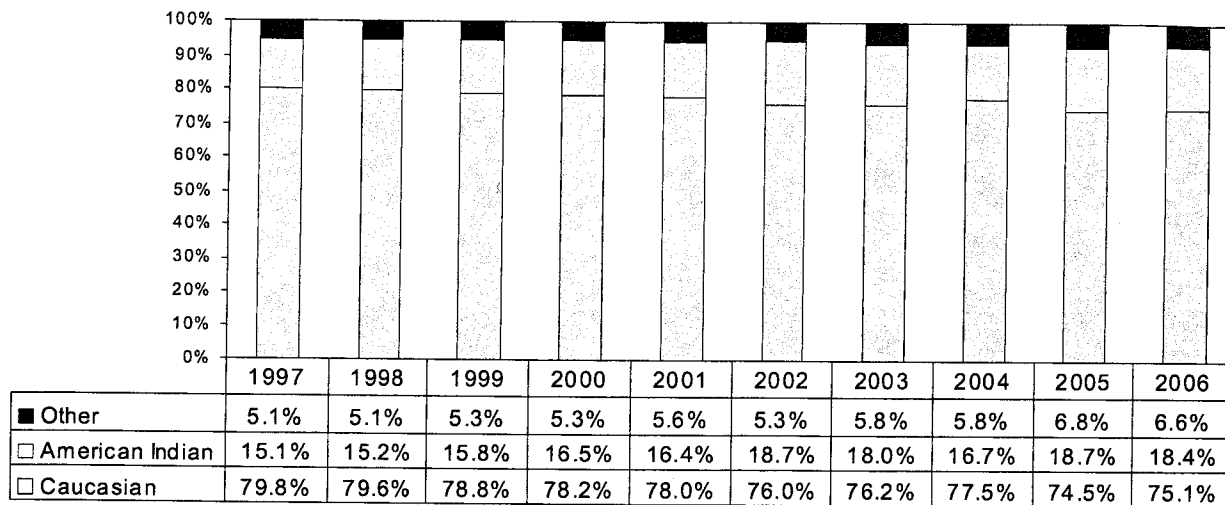
The composition of the women offenders entering Montana's correctional system includes a disproportionate number of American Indians. In 2006, about 27 percent of admissions were Indian, more than four times higher than Indians' representation in Montana's overall population. The U.S. Census Bureau has re-

ported that Indians account for 6.5 percent of the state's residents.

The pace of female Indian admissions to the correctional system has dropped only slightly from 1997 when it was 30 percent. The lowest point was about 25 percent in 2003.

Percentage of Male Admissions by Ethnicity

FY1997-FY2006



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The makeup of male offenders entering Montana's correctional system includes a disproportionate number of American Indians. In 2006, Indians accounted for 18.4 percent of the new offenders, almost three times their representation in the state's population as a whole. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Montana's Indian population at about 6.5 percent.

The rate of Indian admissions to the system has increased since 1997, from about 15 percent of the total number of offenders to 18.4 percent. That is a nearly 22 percent growth. The highest point during the last 10 years was 18.7 percent in 2005 and the lowest was in 1997.